(b) if so, the basis on which the exemption was granted;

(c) whether Government have received any corruption charges against the Chief Administrator of the Foundation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have also received a demand that the income tax exemption to the foundation be cancelled : and

(f) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir. Up to Assessment Year 1991-92.

(b) Exemption has been granted under Section 11 of the Income-Tax Act by holding this Foundation as a charitable institution.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. Complaint regarding malfunctioning in this Foundation has been received. Matter is under investigation as to whether the contents of the complaint are true and if yes, whether those are of the magnitude warranting withdrawal of the exmption.

WAIVING OF LOANS BY STATE BANK OF INDORE

2560. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Bank of Indore has waived loans amounting to crores of rupees during the year 1992;

(b) if so, the names of the borrowers and the amount of loan waived in each case;

(c) whether Government are considering to institute an enquiry into the matter to fix responsibility for waiving loans; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) The banks being credit institutions grant advances for the viable ventures to various sectors of economy in the normal banking business after assessing their need based credit requirements. However, certain amount of bad debts arise despite all systems and procedures to ensure safety of funds lent. Banks write off certain advances as bad debts only when they are fully satisfied that these advances are ultimatelv irrecoverable, i.e. after exausting all advances of recoveries. The aggregate amount of bad debts written off by the State Bank of Indore during the vear 1992—was Rs. 392.66 lakhs involving 4000 accounts. The approval in all the above stated cases were granted on recommendations of the Branch Manager/ Competent Authority by the Executive Committee and or competent authority in terms of powers delegated to them. In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks as also in terms of practices and usages customary amongst bankers, the banks do not divulge information relating to the affairs of their constituents except in circumstances in which it is, in accordance with the law or practice and usage customary among bankers, necessary or appropriate for the banks to divulge such information.

SETTING UP OF BHANCHES OF NATIONALISED BANKS IN ORISSA

2561. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) the number of letters of intent that have been issued last year and so far in the current year for the setting up of branches of the Nationalised Bank in Orissa: